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In re application of: ) Examiner: W. Bashore  
Richard Humpleman, et al. )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS ) Group Art Unit: 2176  
FOR A HOME NETWORK AUTO- )  
TREE BUILDER ) Reply to Office Action  
Application No.: 09/104,297 ) Dated: Oct. 31, 2003  
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Reply/Amendment

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action dated Oct. 31, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the patent application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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